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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS -

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Monday, July 15, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: 10/21/2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Florienda Scott-Cobb, Professional Member, Presiding Sandra Bisgood, Public Member Mark Farley, DSCYF Kerry Ferriter, Office of the Public Defender Dr. Fran Franklin, Professional Member Amber Hall, Office of Management and Budget Ron Hosterman, Department of Correction Ray Fitzgerald, Department of Health and Social Services John Mucha, Professional Member Dr. Marlene Saunders, Delaware State University (11:10 a.m. – 12:27 p.m.) John Shuford, NASW (12:00 p.m. – 12:27 p.m.)

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Patricia Davis-Oliva, Deputy Attorney General Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Pat Bailey, AFSCME Council 81 Amy Bonner, Office of Management and Budget Vicky Kelly, Division of Family Services Rochelle Mason, Professional Member

ALSO PRESENT

Lisa Allison, Office of Management and Budget Jennifer Biddle, Office of Management and Budget Zaira Davis, NASW Wanda Pfieffer, Office of Management and Budget Sandra Lantz, Department of Health and Social Services

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Scott-Cobb called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Legislative Committee reviewed the May 20, 2013, minutes for approval. Dr. Franklin moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Continued Discussion Regarding Proposed Statutory Revisions

Ms. Pfieffer addressed the Committee on behalf of Amy Bonner providing an update from the Office of Management and Budget regarding job titles and classifications. According to Ms. Pfieffer, the Office of Management and Budget is proposing that the Board meet with each department that would be effected by the proposed changes.

The Committee discussed the potential process in which the Board may possibly follow when the proposal is the approved through the legislative process.

Ms. Scott-Cobb advised the Committee that although the process to change the statute is lengthy, written comments need to be submitted from stakeholders.

Many members of the Committee requested that the Board reach out to the Departments Administrators regarding the proposals, providing explicit rationale behind the proposal, and request that clear, concise feedback be sent back to the Board. Ms. Scott-Cobb advised the Committee that an invitation has been extended to the administrators of the departments, and they have yet to attend a meeting.

Mr. Farley moved, seconded to send correspondence to department administrators, asking questions regarding the proposed changes and for OMB to combine the responses to be submitted to the Board. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Shuford voiced his concerns regarding the definition of "social work capacity". He also inquired regarding a timeline being developed.

Ms. Kelly will attempt to schedule a meeting with James Collins regarding the Committee's initiatives.

Ms. Scott-Cobb advised the Committee that the Board will meet on August 19, 2013, to review the feedback from state agencies.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on September 16, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in Conference Room A.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Franklin moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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